wire work Rs. 20 crores is lying at the borders for the last two-three years and has totally gone waste because whenever fencing work is started at the borders, Pakistan opens unprovoked and heavy firing. Therefore, he (the Minister) has himself got the fencing work stopped.

SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV : I have never said that fencing work is being carried out whenever this work is taken up, Pakistan opens heavy firing in a bid to divert the attention of our army and infiltrate its extremists into the Indian territory. That is its main objective in shelling our borders so that peace in Jammu and Kashmir is disturbed. We have not yet taken up the fencing work although the material sent by us for the purpose is lying there. If we take up the fencing work, Pakistan will open heavy firing but we are just waiting that good sense will prevail over it. If it did not mend its ways, we shall take up the fencing work at the border whatever be the outcome.

SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : How long would you wait, please tell us frankly. The fencing work has been going on for the last three years but has not yet been completed. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI VINAY KATIYAR : The Home Minister says that it is proposed to take up the fencing work at the borders but he (the Defence Minister) is saying something else. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : You have made your point now please take your seat.

SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Pakistan is not prepared to admit that area as international border which it admitted under the Shimla accord. It says that Kashmir is a disputed area that is why it is indulging in firing.

SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV : We are waiting for it. After the negotiations, the outcome will be before you.

PROF. RITA VERMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, we recently visited Laddakh. We also visited Siachen Glacier courtesy the Defence Ministry. This has been learnt from the reliable source that this area witnesses firing daily resulting in casualties but the data placed by you are telling a different story and are hard to be believed at the first sight. I am unable to decide whether I should rely on your data or on what I have seen with my own eyes. The hon. Defence Minster is repeatedly stating that there will be no dearth of money and resources but I have seen that our soldiers are fighting in adverse conditions. They need snow scooters but spare parts are not being made available while the Minister says no difficulty will be allowed to come in the way. How should I believe it. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV : It is true a fact that firing takes place daily. But the figures given by me are also true. You (the hon. Member) have talked of funds regarding which I would say that there is no shortage of funds.

[English]

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR : The same reply has been repeated again and again. The question is entirely different.

[Translation]

SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV : You please listen to the real thing. Take the example of 'Agni' Missile programme which has been accorded top priority. There is no shortage of funds, therefore, these figures are true.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Representation of Women in Nehru Yuvak Kendras

*65. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nehru Yuvak Kendras have no adequate representation of young women, at various levels;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

The MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) No, Sir, Adequate representation of young women is ensured in the implementation of various programmes and activities of the Nehru Yuva Kendras. In the formulation of the Annual Action Plan of the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan also, emphasis is given to adequate participation of young women in its programmes and activities.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Prices of Petroleum Products

*66. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :
SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to rationalise the prices of petroleum products to meet the deficit and to curtail the oil import bill;

(b) the extent to which the subsidy on various petroleum products is likely to be reduced thereby;

(c) the details of revenue earnings of the Government from excise, import duties on oil products during the last three years;

(d) the total additional revenue earning of the Government out of the increase of administered prices during the above period;

(e) whether the Government have made any assessment of the implication of the rise of petroleum prices and other commodities; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The Government have been exploring various options to contain the deficit in the pool account and reduce the subsidy on some of the petroleum products. The extent of reduction in subsidy would depend on various factors like international prices, tariff policy and demand etc.

(c) Collection of Revenue from Customs & Excise duties on crude oil and petroleum products during the last three years are as under:

Rs./crores

Year	Customs	Excise
1994-95	6209.01	6694.51
1995-96	8452.89	7160.13
1996-97 (Provisional)	12436.64	9087.41

(d) There was no increase in administered prices petroleum products during 1994-95 and 1995-96. During 1996-97, the prices of petroleum products were increased in July, 1996 and it was estimated that an additional revenue of about Rs. 7000 crores would accrue during 1996-97 to the Oil Pool Account.

(e) and (f) It was estimated that the direct impact on the wholesale price index on account of increase in prices of petroleum products in July 1996 would be around 0.9%.

Capitation Fees

*67. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have instructed the State Governments to take steps to check the collection of capitation fees in educational institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) and (b) The practice of charging Capitation Fee by Private Unaided Educational Institutions stand prohibited following the orders passed by the Supreme Court in Mohini Jain and Unnikrishnan cases. These judgements are binding throughout the country. In pursuance of the directions of the Supreme Court in Unnikrishnan's case, the Department of Education, Government of India in consultation with the State Governments has notified a Scheme of determining fee in such institutions. Similarly, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Medical Council of India and Dental Council have also issued similar guidelines for Private Medical and Dental Institutions.

Brain Drain

*68. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total investment made by Union/State Governments for providing higher education in professional courses during the years 1994, 1995 and 1996;

(b) the number of students who acquired higher education in the above-mentioned courses during the above period and migrated to developed countries of the West and Gulf countries etc., either permanently but holding Indian passports or on short term renewable contract basis; and

(c) if so, the legal steps Government have taken or propose to take in order to recover huge investments made on the higher education of such Indian students?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (c) Total expenditure incurred by the Union and State Governments together for providing higher and technical education during the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are Rs. 4121.36 crores, Rs. 4816.02 crores and Rs. 4953.25 crores respectively. Some students who acquire higher education in technical and management fields migrate to other countries for jobs and higher studies. However, no record of such migrants is maintained. The Government has been taking steps to create a positive environment